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For N. C. A. Members

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New York and Pennsylvania Do Not Oppose the Zone Warehouse Plan.

Nineteen States have given permission for the inauguration of the N.C.A. Zone Warehouse System, seventeen States without modification, and two States with minor modifications which do not interfere with the experimental inauguration of the plan.

The Food Commissioner of Pennsylvania frankly doubts the wisdom of the plan from the standpoint of the canning industry. In view of the earnest desire of the National Canners Association to try the plan in an experimental way, and on the other hand, the opposition to its experimental inauguration on the part of some of the distributors, he prefers not to be involved in the controversy in any way. He merely takes the position, therefore, that the inauguration of the Zone Warehouse System does not violate the Pennsylvania law and on that account will not oppose the experimental inauguration of the plan within the State of Pennsylvania.

The New York State Department of Farms and Markets at first gave permission for the inauguration of the Zone Warehouse Plan within that State, but later withheld their permission because of some opposition which developed to the plan. The matter was again taken up by the National Canners Association with the result that Commissioner Pyrke permitted the inauguration of the Zone Warehouse Plan within New York State with minor restrictions which do not detract from the practicability of the plan. Judge Pyrke in a letter dated Dec. 20 says in part: "This department will not be disposed, for the time being, to offer objection to its (the Zone Warehouse Plan) inauguration in an experimental way, so far as it does not involve the shipment of cans from without the State or from cities within the State whose officials are unfavorable to the scheme." New York State is a sufficiently large area for a single district under our Regional Warehouse Plan, and the limitation of the warehouse in that State to the claims arising in the State therefore works no inconvenience.

Not included in the above are two States which have permitted the experimental inauguration of the Warehouse Plan, but which, we are informed indirectly, consider reversing their attitude. Thus far only three States have definitely de-

clined to permit the inauguration of the Zone Warehouse Plan, all of them owing to misunderstanding the plan as shown in their letters to us regarding the matter. The Commissioners of six states feel that the Zone Warehouse Plan should not be inaugurated prior to the report of the committee of the Association of State and National Dairy and Food Officials. The Commissioners of the remaining States have not yet expressed their opinions.

Shows Appreciation of N. C. A. Warehouse Plan by Offering to Pay Advance Dues.

A representative Middle Western canning company writes us as follows:

"Appreciating the work that is being done by the National Canners Association on zoning warehouses for swells, and not desiring that our Company should be one to benefit without standing its share of the expense, we request that you send us an invoice for dues to the Association for the year 1924."

Convention Preparations Move Merrily Along.

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the National Canners Association in Buffalo, the city where the Association was founded, during the week of January 21, will be the biggest of them all. Even at that, there are still hotel reservations available, but anyone who has not made the necessary arrangements, had better do so at once.

The keynote of the Convention is sounded in the following extract from the "Greetings and Invitation" extended by Messrs. Anderson, Engelhart, and Whiteman, presidents, respectively, of the National Canners Association, the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, and the National Food Brokers Association, which says:

"The dark financial clouds which encompassed the industry have been practically dispelled, and all should attend this Seventeenth Annual Convention with a feeling of optimism."

The Buffalo Entertainment Committee, in its foreword, says:

"We promise you that every minute of the Convention not devoted to business will be crammed to overflowing with wholesome fun."

A new feature this year, will be the President's Ball, (informal), Friday evening.

Exceptional Buffalo Program Features.

It is expected that this week the general program of the Convention, issued by the National Canners Association, will be off the press and in the mail to the canners. It announces an exceptionally fine list of speakers, an unexcelled machinery exhibit, a Government Raw Products Agricultural Exhibit, a Canned Foods Exhibit on a larger scale than ever before, and a local Canned Foods Week celebration in Buffalo.

There will be an unusually attractive group of women speakers, who will

tell their experience with canned foods. This group will include Miss Anne L. Pierce, the noted food editor of the New York Tribune, and for many years the assistant of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley at the Department of Agriculture in Washington; Mrs. Anna B. Scott, cooking expert and food economist of the Philadelphia North American, who has had fifty years experience with canned foods, and is perhaps the oldest food authority, in point of service, in the United States; and Mrs. Julian Heath, of New York, founder and president of the National Housewives League.

President James A. Anderson will preside at the general session, and the speakers will include Royal F. Clark, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; first vice president of the National Canners Association; Ogden S. Sells, Director, Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, Hoopeston, Illinois; Charles P. Whiteman, Oklahoma City, president of the National Food Brokers Association; J. W. Herscher, Charleston, West Virginia, president of the National Wholesale Grocers Association; Philip A. DePuyt, Rochester, New York, president of the National Association of Retail Grocers; and J. H. McLaurin, Jacksonville, Florida, president of the American Wholesale Grocers Association.

The following commodity sections will have special programs: Tomato Section, George E. Diament, Cedarville, New Jersey, Chairman; Pumpkin Section, E. S. Thorne, Geneva, New York, Chairman; Joint Session of the Wax and Green Bean and Baked Bean Sections, Evan Reicheldorfer, of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Merritt Greene, Jr., of Marshalltown, Iowa, Chairman; Beet Section, Dr. T. C. Goeres, Lodi, Wisconsin, Chairman; Pea Section, CharlesH. Hunt, Oswego, New York, Chairman; Fruit Section, Edward S. Reynolds, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Chairman; Corn Section, Joseph N.Shriver, Westminster, Maryland, Chairman; and Kraut Section, W. W. Wilder, Clyde, Ohio, Chairman.

Altogether, it is one of the most attractive programs in the history of the organization.

Even the Program Came in a Can!

Living up to the best traditions of the industry, the Northwest Canners Association presented the program for its Tenth Annual Convention at Portland, Oregon, in the form of a beautifully colored facsimile of a can. On the label was an inviting reproduction of the attractive fruits for which that section of the country is noted.

The meeting was concluded with a banquet, at which R. B. Wilcox was toastmaster, and the speakers were James A. Anderson, president of the National Canners Association; Chester M. Egbert, vice president of the Associated Industries of Oregon; and C. C. Colt, vice president of the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon.

Senator Copeland Praises Salmon.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, United States Senator from New York, in a syndicated newspaper article, pays the following tribute to canned salmon:

"For everybody except persons inclined to overweight, salmon is a desirable food. It is richer in protein than almost every form of meat. This means that as a builder of tissue it is almost unsurpassed. Everyone of us who works and every growing child must have building material to replace waste and to supply the

necessary body requirements. For these purposes protein is needed. A quarter of the weight of the salmon you consume is solid building material, protein."

Physical Culture Magazine Discusses Canned Foods.

Milo Hastings, Director of the Physical Culture Food Research Laboratory in New York, will have a lengthy article in the February issue of Physical Culture Magazine, entitled, "Are Canned Foods Safe for Me?" The discussion is particularly interesting, inasmuch as Physical Culture Magazine has strongly advocated uncooked foods. Nevertheless, in the forthcoming article, Mr. Hastings will say:

"Without some means of preserving foods we cannot feed the modern world. There are seven million people who live within thirty miles of where I am writing. There isn't enough fresh fruits and vegetables raised in that territory to feed the people with red hair and blue eyes--and the rest of us have got to eat. Moreover, in this climate, and in most climates, the fresh food crops are limited to a few harvest months.

"A few of you who reside in favored food producing localities where it always rains and never snows may be able to get by on the fresh food theory. A few others even in this cold pavement ridden city may do the same by the aid of greenhouses, fast refrigerator express, and long purses, but I don't eat hothouse tomatoes because I can't afford them. AndI don't eat the kind they pick green in Florida and ship north, because they are unfit to eat by the time they reach my New York table.

"I like Hawaiian pineapple, but I don't want to live in the Sandwich Islands, so I eat it out of a can. I like peaches, but they ripen in September, and I am not sufficiently posted on Einstein's theory of time being the fourth dimension to live in September all the year round, and so I eat my peaches in February out of a can.

"Moreover, at our house we don't like to spend all our time buying, washing, paring, and boiling foods, and so we let the folks in the cannery do some of it for us because they can do it cheaper and better. We are very fond of tomato soup and Mrs. Hastings and I can both make it, but there are a couple of kids whose pictures we sometimes see in the Subway who can make it better, and so we eat most of our tomato soup out of a can."

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